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Dear Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, in the above-mentioned application. The Office Action set a shortened statutory period of three months for Applicants' response. It is believed that an extension of time is not necessary. However, if any fees are due, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office to charge Attorney Deposit Account No. 08-1290 the fee associate with this extension and any other fees associated with this communication. Please reference Attorney Docket No.: GALA-06415 when charging the Attorney Deposit Account.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims. *Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper. *Listing of the Claims* begins on page 4 of this paper. *Remarks* begin on page 7 of this paper.